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C O N F I D E N T I A L HONG KONG 00230

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CH, JA

SUBJECT: OHIRA MEETING WITH MAO

1. BEFORE MAO'S JANUARY 5 MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OHIRA,

MAO'S SEPARATE SESSIONS WITH VISITING FOREIGN MINISTERS IN RECENT YEARS (OTHER THAN COMMUNIST VIETNAMESE) HAD BEEN LIMITED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER AND FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER SCHUMANN. THE CHAIRMAN'S RECEPTION OF OHIRA THUS SYMBOLIZES THE SPECIAL IMPORTANCE THE PRC ATTACHES TO ITS RELATIONS WITH JAPAN, I.E. IN THE SAME CATEGORY AS RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND WESTERN EUROPE.

2. IN ADDITION, THE NCNA ITEM ON THE MAO-OHIRA MEETING REPORTED THAT CHOU EN-LAI INTRODUCED WNAG HUNG-WEN TO OHIRA " AND THEY HAD A LONG HANDSHAKE." THIS IS AN UNUSUAL DETAIL FOR NCNA TO REPORT. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT NCNA INCLUDED IT IN ORDER TO SIGNAL BROAD SUPPORT WITHIN THE REGIME FOR THE POLICY OF IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH JAPAN. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY THOUGHTS THE JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICE MIGHT HAVE ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS INCIDENT.

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